

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Page 12 of the specification has been amended to overcome the objection to the drawings. The claims have generally been amended to remove artifacts of European patent practice and to provide clear antecedent basis. New Claims have been added to more particularly claim certain aspects of the invention.

Independent Claim 1 is directed toward a process for effecting communication between at least two communication terminals across a computer network in which the terminals . . . before connecting to the computer network, the first terminal calls the second terminal across the telephone network and invites the second terminal to call the first terminal back later, as agreed, the second terminal calls the first terminal and the first terminal transmits the first computer address to the second terminal across the telephone network.

Independent Claim 3 is directed toward a process for effecting communication between at least two communication terminals where, after having obtained the first computer address, the first terminal disconnects from the computer

network, so as to transmit the first computer address to the second terminal across the telephone network, then reconnects to the computer network and obtains the same first computer address as during the previous connection.

Vaziri does not teach these features. Moreover, in contradistinction, as specifically recited on column 18, lines 24-28 of Vaziri, the ISPs will not exchange information during the PSTN portion of the call.

Accordingly, independent Claims 1 and 3 distinguish patentably from Vaziri and should be allowed. Their respective dependent claims should, of course, be allowed for at least the same reasons. Applicant wishes to offer the following additional observations regarding Claims 2 and 4-6.

Claim 2 recites that the first terminal switches temporarily over to the second terminal so as to transmit the first computer address to the second terminal across the telephone network. Claim 4 recites that the first terminal calls the second terminal across the telephone network so as to transmit the first computer address to the second terminal. This is not taught or suggested by Vaziri.

More particularly, and in contrast, Vaziri teaches that each ISB sends its telephone number and IP address to

a server so that the server has a current IP address corresponding to each telephone number. Each ISP communicates the other party's telephone number to the server to retrieve the other party's IP address.

Claim 5 recites that the same first computer address is requested for two successive connections. Further, Claim 6 indicates that the computer network allocates the same first computer address for a plurality of successive connections. Neither the cited portions of Vaziri nor any other portion of Vaziri teaches or suggests this feature.

Claims 9 and 10 have been added in order to provide more comprehensive protection for certain aspects of the invention. As will be appreciated from the above remarks, these claims are clearly patentable over Vaziri.

With all objections and rejections having been overcome, an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and

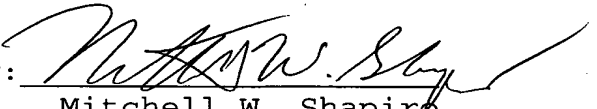
has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

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